In the Claims:

1   1.   [Currently Amended]   A method for acquiring remote high
2 resolution photographs by a user using a streaming video as a view-finder,
3 comprising:
4   connecting a remote device to one or more photo-video acquisition
5 devices individually comprising a camera, wherein the remote device is
6 controlled by the user;
7   using a connected one of the cameras, generating a video of a scene
8 viewed using the respective camera;
9   acquiring a high resolution photograph from the remote device using the
10 video streamed from the one or more photo-video acquisition devices as a view-
11 finder; and
12   processing and transmitting the video and the high resolution photograph
13 obtained from the one or more photo-video acquisition devices, using a joint
14 video and still image pipeline; and
15   storing the video and the high resolution photograph for a first time after
16 the generating and the transmitting.

1   2.   [Original]   The method of claim 1, wherein the connecting step
2 includes connecting the remote device to the one or more photo-video
3 acquisition devices through a network.

1   3.   [Original]   The method of claim 1, wherein the connecting step
2 includes connecting the remote device to the one or more photo-video
3 acquisition devices through a point-to-point connection.

1   4.   [Original] The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2   requesting payment information from a user who wishes to control the
3 one or more photo-video acquisition devices; and
4   enabling the user to control the one or more photo-video acquisition
5 devices from the remote device.

1   5.   [Original] The method of claim 4, further comprising verifying the
2 payment information submitted by the user before enabling the user to control
3 the one or more photo-video acquisition devices.

1   6.   [Original] The method of claim 4, wherein the acquiring step
2 includes using a queue system to allow multiple users to control the one or more
3 photo-video acquisition devices.

1   7.   [Currently Amended] The method of claim 1, ~~further comprising~~
2 <u>wherein the storing comprises</u> storing the video and the high resolution
· 3 photograph in a storage on a network server.

1   8.   [Original] The method of claim 1, further comprising sending the
2 video and the high resolution photograph to the user.

1   9.   [Original] The method of claim 1, further comprising posting the
2 video and the high resolution photograph on a web page.

1   10.   [Original] The method of claim 9, further comprising
2 requesting payment information from a user who wishes to download the
3 video and the high resolution photograph from the web page; and
4 enabling the user to download the video and the high resolution
5 photograph onto the remote device.

1   11.   [Currently Amended] An apparatus for acquiring remote high
2 resolution photographs by a user using a streaming video as a view-finder,
3 comprising:
4 one or more photo-video acquisition devices capable of acquiring videos
5 and high resolution photographs, wherein the videos and the high resolution
6 photographs can be processed and transmitted using a joint video and still image
7 pipeline;
8 a network linked to the one or more photo-video acquisition devices;

9   a remote device capable of logging onto the one or more photo-video

10   acquisition devices through the network and acquiring the high resolution

11   photographs, using videos streamed from the one or more photo-video

12   acquisition devices as a view-finder; ~~and~~

13   <u>a server coupled with the network and configured to host a web page,</u>

14   <u>wherein the server is configured to post the videos and high resolution</u>

15   <u>photographs generated using data acquired by the one or more photo-video</u>

16   <u>acquisition devices and to download the videos and high resolution photographs</u>

17   <u>to the remote device responsive to a command received from the remote device;</u>

18   <u>and</u>

19   wherein the photo-video acquisition devices are remote video cameras.

1   12.   [Original] The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the user can control

2   the one or more photo-video acquisition devices from the remote device through

3   the network or other communication channels.

1   13.   [Original] The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the one or more

2   photo-video acquisition devices include a queue system that allows multiple

3   users to control the one or more photo-video acquisition devices.

1   14.   [Original] The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the network includes

2   a storage on a network server to store the videos and the high resolution

3   photographs.

1   15.   [Original] The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the videos and the

2   high resolution photographs are posted on a web page.

1   16.   [Cancelled].

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1   22.   [Previously Presented] The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2   communicating a command from the user to the camera; and

3   altering an operation the camera with respect to the generation of the

4 video responsive to the command.

1   23.   [Previously Presented] The method of claim 22, wherein the

2 communicating the command comprises communicating using a communications

3 channel different than the joint video and still image pipeline.

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1   26.   [New] A method for acquiring remote high resolution photographs

2 by a user using a streaming video as a view-finder, comprising:

3   connecting a remote device to one or more photo-video acquisition

4 devices individually comprising a camera, wherein the remote device is

5 controlled by the user;

6   using a connected one of the cameras, generating a video of a scene

7 viewed using the respective camera;

8   acquiring a high resolution photograph from the remote device using the

9 video streamed from the one or more photo-video acquisition devices as a view-

10 finder;

11   processing and transmitting the video and the high resolution photograph

12   obtained from the one or more photo-video acquisition devices, using a joint

13   video and still image pipeline;

14   communicating a command from the user to the camera;

15   altering an operation the camera with respect to the generation of the

16   video responsive to the command; and

17   wherein the communicating the command comprises communicating

18   using a communications channel different than the joint video and still image

19   pipeline.